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U.S.-TURKISH RELATIONS

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1. OUR TELEGRAM APPARENTLY MADE INAN SOUND FAR MORE
EXTREME THAN HE IS. A DISCUSSION GAMBIT OFTEN USED HERE, AND
NOTICED BEFORE WITH INAN, IS TO START WITH THE WORST CASE AND THEN
EASE OFF. IN FACT, THIS IS WHAT INAN DID AND HIS REMARKS
THAT AN EXTREME POSSIBILITY WAS THAT TURKEY TORN FROM ITS
WESTERN MOORING WOULD TAKE OVER ALL OF CYPRUS PLUS TWO OR
THREE GREEK ISLANDS WAS TO ILLUSTRATE THE WORST POSSIBILITY.
THERE IS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT INAN HIMSELF, FAR
FROM FAVORING SUCH A COURSE OF ACTION, WOULD BE COMPLETELY
OPPOSED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES WE CAN NOW IMAGINE.
HE IS DEDICATED TO TURKEY'S ALLIANCE WITH THE WEST,
AND BELIEVES THAT THERE MUST BE AN IMPROVEMENT IN
GREEK-TURKISH RELATIONS. LIKE SOME OTHERS AMONG
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TURKEY'S UPPER-CLASS AND INTELLECTUALS, HE HAS AN
UNDERLYING FEAR (PERHAPS AN EXAGGERATED ONE) OF WHAT
THE CONSEQUENCES MIGHT BE IF THE TURKS ARE TORN LOOSE
FROM THEIR MOORINGS. IN ANOTHER CONVERSATION, HE
REFERRED TO THE POSSIBILITY OF "THE NASSERIST
EXAMPLE" OCCURRRING HERE BY WHICH HE MEANT THE ABRUPT TURN
THAT EGYPT TOOK WHEN NASSER WAS REFUFFED OVER THE

ASWAN DAM.

2. OUR RESPONSE TO INAN WAS SIMPLY TO LEAVE NO DOUBT
ABOUT REACTIONS TO ANY SUCH MOVE AND OF THE DANGEROUS
CONSEQUENCES TO TURKEY. WE DID NOT MEAN TO IMPLY THAT
GREECE WOULD "SURRENDER" THE ISLANDS IN ORDER TO GAIN
POLITICAL OBJECTIVES.

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